



ATTENTION PET BIRD OWNERS

REMEMBER

ALWAYS assume that ANYTHING that touches your birds can carry harmful disease organisms. You are the only protection your birds have, so use these important disease prevention measures and health tips. For more information on the prevention of avian diseases, visit the CDFA website at www.cdfa.ca.gov/ahfss/ah/avian_health_program.htm



BIRD HEALTH SUGGESTIONS

A well balanced, nutritious diet of 50 percent seeds or pellets and 50 percent fruits and vegetables can help ward off disease.

Buy the feed described for the age and purpose of your birds.

Give your birds fresh water daily.

Keep your birds in a clean, dry, isolated area.

Good sanitary practices can help your birds fend off diseases and illnesses.

Birds are extremely sensitive to toxins. Don't use chemicals such as cleaners, hairspray, candles and perfumes around your birds.

Use paper towels or other paper products as bedding. Clean or replace bedding daily.

Keep your bird warm (85° F is ideal).



AVIAN DISEASE PREVENTION GUIDELINES

Everyone should wash their hands thoroughly with a disinfecting soap before and after handling birds. Disinfect your cages and equipment after taking them to any bird event or having them around other birds.

Isolate your birds, bird food and equipment from wild birds.

Isolate any new birds or returning birds until you are sure they are healthy. A bird doesn't have to look sick to carry a disease.

Limit contact with other bird or poultry owners.

Report any sick birds immediately to your local veterinarian or the CDFA toll-free Helpline 1-800-491-1899.

